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EXPERTS' COMMITTEE
"COMMONSENSE CROWNED KING."
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PARIS, January 14.
The Experts' Committee dealing with German Currency, met at 11 this morning in the presence of the Reparations Commission. M. Barthou made a speech of welcome. General Dawes in replying on behalf of the committee, said, "the success of the committee depends chiefly whether in the public mind and conscience the allies and the world have an adequate conception of the great disaster facing each ally and Europe unless commonsense is crowned king."

LATER.
At the Experts' Committee M. Barthou in a speech said the Reparations Commission would place at the disposal of the experts all necessary documents. "The experts would control their method of procedure and would hear Germany in a form which appeared for the common good that her Government will facilitate their arduous complex task." It was necessary that results should be reached for the pacific equilibrium of the whole world which depended upon the Reparations Settlement Commission. He rejoiced in American co-operation, and asked General Dawes to accept the presidency of the committee. General Dawes in replying pointed out that the committee was not asked to determine the legality of the occupation of the Ruhr.

LITTLE ENTENTE
ATTITUDE TOWARDS ALLIES.

BELGRADE, January 14.
The Little Entente will subordinate its action in regard to the re-establishment of relations with Soviet Russia to the attitude of the principal Allies and in the event of the recognition of Russia by Britain and Italy it will leave each of its members free to act as the special circumstances warrant. It was emphasized at the conference that the Little Entente is not seeking in any way to form a continental barrier against the policy of Britain and that an exchange of views at the conference in regard to a Hungarian loan paved the way for final deliberations in London on January 16.

EMPIRE TRADE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTATIONS.

LONDON, January 14.
The Association of British Chambers of Commerce have sent a letter to Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Asquith and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald expressing grave concern, in regard to any delay in the ratification of the economic and financial arrangements made at the Imperial Conference. The Association believe that the resolutions of the conference, if carried into effect, will assist the development of trade in the Empire and the relief of unemployment, at home. Therefore they hope their addresses will assist in the ratification of the arrangements reached at the conference.

LABOUR POLICY.
FIRM PLANKS.

LONDON, January 14.
Mr. Scott Duckers who was a prominent conscientious objector during the war in a speech in London said that the Labour foreign policy settled that no more money would be voted for the Singapore policy. The Labour Government would include the fullest possible reparations from Germany, a powerful navy, a well paid, efficient army, and, failing a satisfactory understanding with France, a largely increased air force.

LABOUR AND GOVERNMENT.
FATEFUL DIVISION COMING.

LONDON, January 15.
A ballot of the Yorkshire and Northumberland Miners overwhelmingly favours a termination of the National wages agreement. The possibility of a railway strike is disquieting Labour circles but not altered the decision of the Labour Leaders to take office nor caused the Liberal Leaders to reconsider their determination to assist the defeat of the Government. It is now anticipated the fateful division will be on Monday.

LONDON EXCHANGE MARKET.
WILD CURRENCY MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, January 14.
The London exchange market to-day was wild and there were extraordinary movements in the leading currencies. Sterling on New York was at 4/23 due to a growing disposition to increase holdings in dollars and dollar securities. French francs were at 97/40. This is attributed to the large expansion of French Government loans and currency. Saturday's rates were respectively 4/26 3/4 and 91.

"ANZAC" DAY.
NOVEL CEREMONY.

MELBOURNE, January 15.
The British Special Service Squadron and the warships of the Australian fleet will witness the spectacular sinking of the battleship "Australia" outside Sydney heads on Anzac Day, April 25. The scrapping accords with the Washington agreement.

COLOGNE CONDITIONS.
ENGLISH VIEWS.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 15.
Reuter understands that the British Government has informed the French Government that it does not object to the despatch of two French officials to Cologne to enquire into conditions there, provided the same facilities were given to Mr. Clive, the British Consul General at Munich for a similar mission to the Palatinate, but has pointed out that already a score of French officials in the British area are fully free to study and report on the situation. The British view is that the Rhineland High Commission has no power to recognize a Separatist movement in the Palatinate, and people in the Palatinate, if they wish to break away from Germany, have machinery in the Weimar Constitution whereby only a one third vote is necessary for holding a plebiscite thereabout.

LATER.
It is understood that Mr. Tirard, president of the Inter Allied High Commission has chosen as his Secretary Mr. Pilliod to accompany Mr. Clive and has also asked Lt. Colonel Ritchie to proceed to Cologne to enquire with regard to secret organizations whose activities the French allege have led to bloodshed in the French zone, particularly in the Bonn district.

IN SHEFFIELD.
CHINESE MISSION ENTERTAINED.

LONDON, January 14.
The Chinese Commercial Mission were the guests of the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce and spent a busy instructive day at the Vickers steel works, where they saw armament making; also Edgar Allen's and Arthur Balfour's. The Mission luncheoned at Vickers, the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce presiding. Birmingham is to be omitted among the places to be visited owing to the brevity of the Mission's stay in Great Britain, but Mr. C. F. Ho of the Ministry of Communications has arrived and is visiting large works, including the Metropolitan Carriage Wagon Company and the Bolles Morcoms, Austin, and Wolseley motor works.

ZAGLUL REJOICES.
EGYPTIAN ELECTION RESULTS.

CAIRO, January 14.
The official election results are—Zaglulists, 150; Liberal Constitutionalists, 14; Watanists, 2; Independents, 4. Forty-one constituencies will vote again on January 17 owing to candidates failing to obtain the requisite majorities. The Zaglulists expect to win most of these seats. Zaglul, in a manifesto, rejecting at the "splendid victory of patriotic Egyptians," says that although many chose a different course and acted wrongfully he is prepared to welcome them back. Externally Egypt is united in demanding complete independence—internally the Egyptians are free to differ.

EMPIRE CRUISE.
ZANZIBAR NATIVES IMPRESSED.

ZANZIBAR, January 14.
The Sultan and crowds of Europeans and natives watched the arrival of the Empire cruise battle cruisers. A detachment from each ship marched through the streets which were gallily bedecked with flags and palms. Thousands of natives witnessed the march past, the Sultan taking the salute. The natives who were allowed to visit the ships were speechless with amazement at the magnitude of the cruisers and the size of the guns.

JAPANESE ENTERTAINED.
AUSTRALIAN WELCOME.

MELBOURNE, January 14.
Cordial speeches were made at the banquet which the Federal Ministry gave in honour of Vice Admiral Saito and officers of the visiting Japanese Squadron. Admiral Saito at Dr. Page's suggestion, requested Japan to send to the Australian war museum a souvenir of the scrapped warship "Abuki" which conveyed the first Australian troops to the war front.

LITHUANIAN PROBLEMS.
AMERICAN'S OFFER.

GENEVA, January 15.
Mr. Norman Davis ex-acting State Secretary of the United States has notified the League of Nations of his willingness to accept the Presidency of the Memel Commission which will investigate means to terminate the difficulties among allied powers and Lithuania as regards Memel territories.

FRANCE'S FALL.
PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

PARIS, January 18.
The government is drafting measures to terminate the fall of the franc. Parliamentary support is assured and the commercial exchange has decided not to issue quotations for the time being with a view to preventing disorganization of the markets.

CRICKET "DOWN UNDER."
NEW SOUTH WALES WIN EASILY.

SYDNEY, January 14.
New South Wales beat South Australia by an innings and 104 runs. South Australia's scores were 383 (V. Richardson, 135) and 109 (Everett, 64) wickets for 34. The New South Wales innings realised 684 of which Kippax contributed 248.

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writing desk, pictures, screens, type-
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David and Goliath.

A bulldog attacked a circus ele-

phant at Lismore (N.S.W.), and

hung on with a death-grip to the

elephant's jaw. Truntping with

alarm, the elephant hauled the dog

over a fence, but it returned and

fastened to jumbo's jaw. The ele-

phant broke his chain and tried to

kneel on the bull, but the attend-

ants dragged the midget away, un-

hurt, except for a few bruises.

—AHS.

Dodging the Parson.

Because of the laborious life after

marriage, early wedlock among

Solomon Island women is rare.

As an encouragement to marry,

the Chiefs occasionally arrange

betwixt dances. The plan is to

stand 30 or 40 females in a row.

Each male has an object (some

species of native fruit) which he

rolls toward a female. Should she

lift the object she must marry the

male. Frequently not a single

object is lifted—"Pulganbar."

Trousers.

Called to my New Britain cook-

boy to bring me an envelope;

"Ombalop," he said. "No sabbey."

Told him he must sabbey, it was

"sumting belong put him paper

inside." He came along with the

waste paper basket. "Him no

good," I said, "you come, I show

him you." Took him along to the

office and showed him an envelope.

"Master," he said, "him no allsame

you take before. Him trousers

belonga letter."—Auna-Auna.

Rebecca's soft answer.

Miss Rebecca West writes to her

friends in London that she is hav-

ing an uncommonly good time in

America. She has large audiences

at her lectures, and she is meeting

all the interesting people. Where-

ver she goes she is interviewed,

and nobody can, to use an

American word, make an interview

more "snappy." Some interviewer

asked her whether polygamy would

not solve the fact that England has

two million surplus women. "No

man," Rebecca answered, "is

sufficiently interesting to keep

more than one woman amused."

Conservation.

A young woman who was reared

in an Eastern Kansas town read in

a poultry journal that poultry-

raising was remunerative, so she

decided to try it. She purchased

a hen and set her on chicken eggs.

She wrote to a poultry journal that

poultry-raising was much to her

liking and wondered how long the

hen should remain on the eggs.

The paper wrote back, "Three

weeks for chickens and four weeks

for ducks." Later she wrote to the

poultry journal as follows: "Many

thanks for your advice about the

setting hen. She remained on the

nest three weeks and at the end of

that time there were no chickens

hatched. As I did not care for

ducks, I took her off the nest and

sold the eggs."

Noisy.

They called him "Noisy" be-

cause he wasn't. He had been

domesticated for years in an isolated

shepherd's hut on the Paros. Then

a man was sent out to do some

fencing, and he took up his re-

fully insured against in-

con-

venience or loss of income due to

falling to wake up promptly at the

end of the play.

Our dance halls, too, are similar-

ly protecting their habitués, who

can now rely on obtaining com-

pensation in the event of their

business being interrupted by their

yielding to that desire to return to

Dixie, which seems to be implant-

ed in the breast of every admirer

of Jazz.

Good as Gold.

Some defenders of the Holly-

wood Colony state that the "movie"

headquarters are as respectable as

any city in the United States. Let

us sing:—

The film-actress couldn't be bad

if she would;

The notion is really absurd!

Like children of yore, she is bound

to be good,

Because she is seen and not

heard.

Wit and Wisdom.

Automobile insurance: A guar-

antee against loss from every cause

excepting that which happens to

happen.

The biggest room in the world is

room for improvement.

Some men are born good and few

make good.

A little girl, full of curiosity, was

told one day that curiosity killed

the cat. After thinking for a few

moments, she said: "Mother, what

did the cat want to know?"

Many a man who believes in

doing the greatest good to the

greatest number regards Number

One as the greatest number.—From

Bill Johnston's Joy Book.

What About It?

The exact meaning of the Ameri-

can slogan, "Attaboy," has never

been satisfactorily explained.

I am puzzled, yes, I am,

"Attaboy?"

I can't place you, pon my Sam,

"Attaboy."

Are you some forbidden dram?

Or a pumpkin or a clam?

Or another word for "d——?"

"Attaboy?"

Do you cure the deaf and dumb,

"Attaboy?"

Are you out for running rum,

"Attaboy?"

Are you tonic for the tum?

A superior chewing-gum?

Or a new chrysanthemum?

"Attaboy?"

Are you death to wedded bliss,

"Attaboy?"

Do you cause paralysis,

"Attaboy?"

Is the explanation this?

Or are you an artful Miss?

Who would throw a careless kiss

At a boy?

—HARTLEY CARRICK.

Humour in the Courts.

Sir Charles Biron, at Bow-

street.—What language is the

prisoner speaking? Gaoler

(promptly): Scotch, sir.

Woman at Tottenham, answering

a charge of drunkenness: I

have lost my husband, Magistrate:

When did he die? Woman: Ten

years ago.

I am not used to giving evi-

dence in the county court. I

frequent the court more where

there is a dock said a witness at

Marylebone County Court.

A man admitted at Wood

Green that it was a habit

of his when drunk to go to a

police-station. Defendant: I have

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday 19th January to Friday 1st February 1924, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 8th, 1924.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHEWSON & CO., LTD., on MONDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1924, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1923.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 18th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
L. S. GREENHILL,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1924.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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The remaining 4,000 shares to be issued at the present time, ranking equally with those already subscribed, are now offered for Public Subscription, payable as to \$2.50 per share on application. The balance due on each share (\$7.50) will be called up on allotment. The unissued Capital of the Company will be issued at such time or times and on such terms as the Directors shall determine.

Directors:

CHARLES EDWARD HAINELL BEAVIS, No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, Solicitor.
CHAN PER CHUN, No. 34, Bonham Strand West, Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant.
CHAP YUE TENG, No. 16, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant.
CARL BRADLEY SHANK, Nos. 50-52, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, Engineer.
EDWARD DEAN SHANK, Nos. 50-52, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, Architect.
WONG KWOK SHUN, No. 169, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, Banker.
One further Director will be appointed by the Board after allotment.

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Registered Office of the Company:

China Building, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

PROSPECTUS.

(a) The recent remarkable developments in building in this Colony have resulted in a demand for labour and building materials that has been unprecedented. Increased costs, consequent upon such demand, necessitate the adoption, where possible, of means whereby not only may labour be saved but materials produced both quickly and economically. This Company is formed mainly for the purpose of providing plaster and gypsum products which are required in the construction of every building from the small house to the largest block of modern offices. "Simplex Plaster," which the Company proposes to manufacture in this Colony, is manufactured by a special process, and is at present only obtainable from abroad, and the Promoters are confident that it can be manufactured here and sold for a price considerably below that which the commodity commands in Hongkong at the present time. This plaster is now extensively used in building in this Colony, and is in fact, as experience has shown, extremely beneficial in the Far East and particularly in Hongkong, for it is impervious to white ants, does not chip owing to damp, and is practically fireproof, remaining unbroken and unaffected by heat unless of a temperature of 250 to 300 degrees centigrade.

(b) The Company has acquired as a going concern that branch of the business of The China American Industrial Developing Company, Limited, which has been engaged in the manufacture of "Simplex Plaster." The purchase includes a piece of land of an approximate area of 41,000 square feet situated at Tsim Wan, together with the buildings, plant, machinery and equipment thereof, the machinery being already assembled for the commencement of manufacture. The purchase price will be paid and satisfied by the allotment of 15,000 shares of the Company credited as fully paid up. Furthermore the agreement with the Vendors provides that the Vendors will place with the Company all further orders for the supply of plaster required by the Vendors.

The Contract for the acquisition of this business is dated the 4th day of January, 1924, and is made between The China American Industrial Developing Company, Limited, of the one part and Denis Henry Blake as trustee for the Company of the other part. A copy of the Contract can be inspected at the Registered Office of the Company or at the office of the Company's Solicitors.

(c) The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is seven shares.

(d) No commission or promotion money is being paid by the Company.

(e) The Company will pay the preliminary expenses of and incidental to the formation and floating of the Company down to the time when it becomes entitled to commence business, and the estimated amount thereof is \$5,000.00.

(f) The Articles of Association provide that the qualification of a Director is to be the holding of 600 shares in the Company, and that the remuneration of each of the Directors is to be \$600.00 per annum.

(g) The Directors are interested in the promotion of the Company to the extent only that they or some of them are Directors of other companies with whom the Company may do business.

(h) Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company can be inspected at any time during business hours at the Registered Office of the Company or at the office of the Company's Solicitors.

(i) A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is annexed to this Prospectus and forms part of it.

(j) Application for shares should be made upon the Form attached to this Prospectus, and sent to the Company's Bankers together with a remittance of \$2.50 per share, the amount of the deposit.

Where no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full, and where the number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for, a proportionate amount of the deposit will be returned.

(k) Prospectuses can be inspected at and Forms of Application obtained from the Company's Bankers, The International Banking Corporation, and at the Registered Office of the Company.

Dated the 8th day of January, 1924.

INTIMATIONS.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1924.

ENTRIES for the FORTHCOMING RACES close on SATURDAY, 19th instant at 3 p.m. and must be sent to the Jockey Club Rooms, 3A, Chater Road on this date.

Entry Forms are now ready and can be had at the Jockey Club Stables, the Jockey Club Rooms (Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road) or Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1924.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF 1924 RACE MEETING.

THE attention of Owners is called to an alteration in the conditions of the eighth race on the first day, the Chater Cup.

The last sentence should read as follows: "Ponies that have started and never BEEN PLACED in an Official Race allowed 10 lbs."

By Order
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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PASSENGER to England by S.S. "Karmala" March 8th would be glad to hear of anyone who has already booked a passage and who could be willing to help on voyage with child of two and a half years. Please apply to Box 1471.

MAM WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

During 1922 over 12,000,000 trees were planted in New Zealand.

Fruit trees are to be planted along the highways of Walthamstow.

The price of standard grade flour has been reduced by 1s. to 39s. in London.

Viscount Lascelles has one of the best Guernsey herds in England at Goldborough Hall.

Two doctors have died at Prague from foot-and-mouth disease, which they were investigating.

For placing lighted paper to a cat's fur a boy named Thomas Miller was fined £10 at Glasgow.

We regret to record the death from heart failure of Mr. Louis Calvert, the well-known Shakespearean actor.

There was a profit of £2,200 on this year's Yorkshire show at Sheffield. Next year's show will be held at York.

An order for 1,000,000 jute bags for grain at a cost of £20,000 has been placed in Dundee by the Russian Government.

A London visitor named W. A. Theobald was taken ill while bathing at Torquay and died when helped out of the sea.

There was much rejoicing on Ellis Island among some 400 English, Scottish, and Irish immigrants when it was announced that the British July queen was not only not exhausted but was about 500 short of the full number.

Despatches from India state that according to the extremist Press the Akalis are preparing to start an agitation against the abdication of the Maharaja of Nabha. Violent revolutionary speeches are being delivered in the Golden Temple at Amritsar.

Shooting off the tides for the Daily Telegraph Cup at Bideley, Captain H. Renwick and O.M.S. F. Biles tied again with 14 points, while Major J. Sutton scored 13. In the final shoot off Capt. Renwick got an inner, and O.M.S. Biles a magpie. Capt. Renwick thus won the cup.

The Canadian Government have just secured a lease of the Union Club on the Cockspur-street corner of Trafalgar square as their London headquarters. As various alterations have to be made the Dominion representatives in London cannot enter into occupation before next March.

At Lewes Assizes, Edith Emily Swann, indicted in connection with the Littlehampton mystery letters, was found guilty of maliciously publishing a defamatory libel concerning the local sanitary inspector, and sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

Considerable surprise is expressed in official circles in Australia at the delay in completing the licence to the Marconi Company for an English wireless station capable of direct communication with the proposed Australian high-power station. A prominent Federal Parliamentary member suggests that vested interests and red tape were still operating.



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Dreams often come true, however far away they sometimes seem, also lacked we to-day many wonders that were once deemed utterly impossible. One dream that everybody hopes will come true, and that right speedily, is Sir Robert Ho Tung's dream of a united China. Many others share this same dream, but they are idle dreamers. Either they are powerless to intervene or they are pursuing selfish ends. Among those who would take action gladly if they could are China's many warm foreign friends. These must remain largely inactive, however, because their efforts would almost certainly wreck the round table conference plan, being misconstructed for selfish motives, such is the distrust abroad in China to-day. Then there are leading Chinese who might help. Omitting the rival war lords, who are too busy scheming their own ends; who are too confident that they can solve the problem by conquest for their own glory; who are anyway too deeply involved in ancient feuds for their actions to be above suspicion now—omitting these stormy petrels; there remain many patriots who would openly champion the unity

Mr. John Drinkwater who is a poet says that few people have the pluck to sit in a third-class carriage and read the Bible. We quite believe it. No golfer, whatever his handicaps, would have the pluck to sit in a first-class carriage in a train bound for Laning and read the Bible, although we believe the first reference to golf is to be found within its pages. A golfer has the pluck to wear what are called "plus-fours," but at that, his supply of pluck ceases, as well it might. This matter of pluck can't be variously applied. It would be pluck for an ordinary Scotsman—we admit there are extraordinary ones as well, to admit that Huggis or porridge are ghastly things; for an American to admit that his country did not win the war; for writers of letters to the paper to sign their names to them; for those who make speeches to speak the truth as they know it; for ladies to be truthful regarding their age; and married men to give the reasons that retard their home-coming. It would be sheer pluck for our Comrades to admit that their profits are enormous; and for our landlords to admit that the increase rents for the sheer delight it gives them. Our volunteers would also display a measure of pluck in admitting that they find no enjoyment in drills, and the generosity of us to agree that whatever we earn is more than we deserve. It would be pluck for professional Christians to preach (and practice) the pure undiluted tenets of Christianity. But there is no earthly reason why these alleged manifestations of pluck should be exhibited. Life is full enough without adding one more to its round of senseless inanities, reducing us all to the level of uninteresting Robots.

London Coster:—"Here guv'nor, jest you put that bloomin' gripe

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January 15.—Grand Theatre
Tigane, Serbiana in songs and
dances; fight film.

o have been arrested.

For two or three months of 1910 he again became acting Registrar with a seat on the Legislative Council and later on he acted as first Police Magistrate. In 1913 his appointment was raised to first-class. During the war Mr. Irving acted as cable censor and for two or three months in 1918 he was attached to the military commission at Vladivostock. For his work in organising the censorship there he received the thanks of Major General Knox, C.M.G. the head of the Mission. Mr. Irving was appointed a member of the Legislative Council in April, 1920 and served on the University Commission.

Sailing for London by the N.Y.K. liner "Fushimi Maru" on February 13, are Sir Robert Tung, Lady Ho Tung and Miss Mary Ho Tung, to attend the British Empire Exhibition. An associate commissioner for the Hongkong Government, Sir Robert Tung will also organize demonstrations in agriculture. For this purpose he is taking to London nine women and three men, mostly from his well-known farm in the New Territories.

YOUR PET CLUB.

WHAT IT IS CALLED IN CHINESE.

"VICTORIA BATH HOUSE."
"NINE DRAGONS PRECIOUS ENSIGN CLUB."

(Specially Contributed.)

Everybody uses a telephone in Hongkong, but not everybody has occasion to dip into the Chinese section of the telephone book. Here are to be found many interesting things. Glancing through the 261 pages of the new edition one finds evidence of the sustained expansion in the Colony in the many new names and the increased list of Chinese subscribers.

This year's Chinese book is practically on the same lines as its predecessor. The Chinese have no index to go by and it arranged according to number the directory would be of little use. What has been found to be of the most service is to index the thousands of names under professions, trades, etc. Banks come first in the index and they occupy four pages. A very good idea of the principal Chinese trades in Hongkong could be gathered from a perusal. Nam Pak Hong—the backbone of Chinese business houses—are listed together with those which trade with Cudd, fennel, which is still known by its old name of "Gold Mountain." In the next item are Park, Fish, Poultry, Fruit and Vegetable dealers. Side by side are exporters, firecracker and sandalwood merchants, country-country dealers and "foreign-country traders." Boot and shoe stores are classed together with second-hand clothes stores and tobacco goes with tea. A heading is kept for dealers in "mountain merchandise," this referring to those who deal in baskets, and articles of bamboo. Another heading which on reference inside has only one number under it, is that for purveyors of snake-meat, this being considered a Chinese delicacy of much benefit in the cold season. There must be some reason for putting department stores together with kerosene-oil and furniture shops and the same applies to jewellery stores, curio stores, makers of clocks and watches and spectacles.

Members of European associations will wonder when told that the name of their pet club as printed in Chinese can represent such as "Ground Ball Club," "Galloping Horse Club," "Victoria Bath House," "Commaught Road Central," "Rent Company (or Club)," "Castle Road," "New Company (or Club)," "Commaught Road Central," "Hongkong Three Banks Club, North Point," "Translated literally, the Kowloon Bowling Green Club reads "Nine Dragons Precious Ensign Club, Austin Road."

European private residences are put at the very end. Just before them are Government officials' residences and in front of them are local Yamen. Chinese residences are fourth from the end and before this lengthy head is "Mountain Repositions and Cemeteries," which is side by side with "Funeral and Wedding Paraphernalia Caterers and Coffin Shops."

The system for Chinese names, in the private residences section is to give the five most common surnames first. They are Chan, Li, Cheung, Wong and Ho. These are the Chinese equivalents of Smith, Brown, Robinson, etc. There are five more common surnames but the directory does not follow this principle after the first five. We find 67 numbers held by Chan, 61 Lis, and only 15 by the Cheungs, Wongs number 46 and Hoes 23. Here it should be mentioned that there are two Chinese surnames both pronounced Wong but written entirely differently; one is known as the "large abdomen" Wong, the other is the "three strokes" Wong. This distinction is not due to any physical imperfections of the first man who had the surname but merely to the construction of the characters.

Of the lesser important surnames, there are 31 Leungs, 21 Laus, 22 Loes, 20 Lams and 18 Ips.

HOCKEY.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club tomorrow, January 16.

First Team v. The Submarine Flotilla, at the V.S.R.C. at 5 p.m. Club colours: E. W. Hamilton; E. G. England; G. Murray; G. H. Piercy; A. S. Hett; E. L. Sim; H. Meacock; F. C. Miller; W. Woodward; G. R. More; the Rev. N. Evans.

Second Team v. H.M.S. "Tamar," at Sookunpoo at 4.45 p.m. (Bus from Cricket Club Pavilion at 4.30 p.m.) Club in colours: A. H. Roffey; W. H. Edmonds; T. Rowell; A. Bower; C. L. R. Bacher; T. R. Price; D. Lyon; S. H. Garrod; W. E. Hyde; F. Schnepel and another.

A cable has been received from the Hon. Secretary of the Shanghai Hockey Club, expressing their regret that they find it impossible to send down their team for Hockey tomorrow.

CHINA'S ONLY HOPE.

PROPOSED ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE.

SIR ROBERT HO TUNG'S PLAN.

HOPES AND FEARS FOR THE FUTURE.

Seated at a round table, symbol of his effort to bring China lasting peace, Sir Robert Ho Tung was good enough to outline his labours to a China Mail man yesterday evening. Although his project has cost him many strenuous and anxious days in the North—he is working for his great cause entirely unaided—Sir Robert yet looked very fit and alert; indeed, his face showed the greatest animation when he weighed his chances of success against the great odds besetting the path. Reviewing his past labours, Sir Robert was very hopeful.

"On the whole, I cannot complain," he said. "Almost all China's many leaders have agreed to the conference in principle. Although some people contend that I have received replies to my overtures only through courtesy, I cannot at all agree that weight is not attached to my proposal for a round table conference. I am confident that my suggestion has been thoughtfully received because several of those to whom it was addressed took some time in giving their answers. During the period they kept me waiting, I have good reason to believe, they were making private inquiries bearing upon the proposed conference. The fact that they eventually replied, accepting my invitation, speaks for itself."

"Having secured the assent of China's leaders to the proposed conference, what is your next step?" the China Mail man asked.

Sir Robert smiled. "The next step," he said, "is to induce them to meet. This I frankly admit, is no easy task. It will take a great deal of hard work. Much patience will be needed. But I am by no means gloomy; not one whit discouraged. It is a very big step to have got them to agree to the conference at all. Once get them together—"

"And then?" queried the China Mail man softly, as Sir Robert paused.

"And then half the battle is won!" His eyes sparkling and his voice vibrating, Sir Robert next exclaimed, closing the interview: "For two years I am willing to work for my plan; for two years I am willing to spare neither time nor effort, even if it shortens my life by five years! If I do not succeed within that time, then I will confess that I have finally failed. But not before!"

THE PHILHARMONIC.

ANOTHER CONCERT.

Several matters of importance were dealt with at the general meeting of the Philharmonic Society held last evening. Mr. Charles Gordon presided and there was an exceptionally good attendance. The resignation of Mr. T. P. M. Bevan as conductor was announced as Mr. Bevan is shortly leaving the Colony on home-leave. Mr. S. Collett was unanimously appointed conductor.

Mr. G. H. Piercy, accepting the office of Hon. Secretary. A report was given of the financial success of the last concert, of the proposal to have another in March, and the affiliation of the Society with the British Musical Society. Announcement was made of the possibility of producing a Gilbert and Sullivan opera in conjunction with the A.D.C.

Before rehearsal was proceeded with, Mr. C. E. H. Bevan took the opportunity to express the Society's thanks to Mr. Bevan for his whole-hearted and enthusiastic services as Conductor which had resulted in such a successful result. They appreciated what he had done and wished him a pleasant holiday. Mr. Bevan expressed thanks for the cordial way in which the remarks had been received. They had been very loyal and hard-working and the result had been a series of pleasant evenings. He commended to them Mr. Collett whom they would find an exceptionally good Conductor.

COMMERCIAL NOTES.

NAM PAK HONG QUOTATIONS.

Based on usual guild terms, this morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations for "spot goods," were as follows:—

Java Sugar, average quality, per picul net—No. 24, rough white \$15.50, No. 24 fine white 16.40; No. 18 rough brown 14.70.

Rice, average quality, per picul gross weight for net—No. 1 Siam long white—superior, old crop, \$7.10; superior, new crop 8.50; ordinary, old crop 8.50.

Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.—Dayton, \$2.74; Banana 2.70; Kwong Tai 2.78; White Capers 2.70; Nutmeg Orange 2.75; Klugshier 2.80; Big Gun 2.92; C. & C. 2.77; Reinder 2.82; Maloh 2.81; White Rice 2.68; 4.30.

A JUNK.

MR. JOHN ORIEL DISCOURSES.

(With apologies to Sir Roger de Coverley.)

Yesterday, having reason to venture to the peninsula of Kowloon on an errand which combined business and pleasure, I was fortunate enough to encounter a gentleman whom for some months I had not seen. He is a well-known citizen of Hongkong, whose beauties he can further appreciate by residing beyond the narrow seas amongst the settlers of the foothills. In our previous meetings he had often delighted me with his shrewd observations on men and events; modern to the cut of his tie, he yet assembled his mental universe with Mum as its measure. Of a ruddy complexion, his pleasing stoutness seemed at variance with this doctrine; all but a few things had seemed microscopic had he served himself as their standard. But his foot-rule was humanity, that magnificent "average man" on whom so many economists and philosophers have built so many unconvincing and unphilosophic arguments for his deicide.

To John Oriel, then, the hearer needs to address no leading questions—his fortunate audience has but to listen to a discourse which flows, effortless, from the fund of his observation and experience. On this morning he was gazing fixly at a junk beating up the wind to the East. He drew my attention to the figures of a man and woman on her poop, sculling steadily against wind and tide.

"What do they care," he asked, "for us and our thoughts? Does that rood, clinging to that Peak's forehead, mean to them anything at all? Here are science, architecture (if I may distinguish between these two) Labour and Capital defying the very Law of Gravity, while these two scull solidly into the sun of to-morrow. To them little matters save the daily food, the nightly rest, and the little world bordered by their craft. They are born, mature, marry, breed, grow old and die with no one single comprehension of the meaning of Empire except a full cargo and freedom from pirates. What are we to judge the real value of our vaunted society, who leave only a scorch on a hillside where yonder people and their like have a common trade with those ancestors who begat them, a hope for no more than their sires, no boasted progress whose imaginary goal whips round full circle while that junk sails over the same seas on the same errand, a symbol at once of man's unchanging fate and of his heroic smallness?"

As the ferry-boat shook the pier and shuddered, we were separated in the mass of homeward voyagers, and I did not see him when, still thinking of his sermon, I mounted my ricksha.

—TIMON.

ARMS EVIL

DANES SENTENCED.

TWELVE MONTHS EACH.

The three young Danes belonging to the crew of the motorship "Malaya" who pleaded guilty at the Criminal Sessions last week to the unlawful possession of arms were this morning sentenced by the Chief Justice (Sir William Ross Davies, K.C.) to twelve months' jail with hard labour.

The prisoners were Ole Poulsen, Georg Holte and Sigurd Thorsen. They were all defended by Mr. Campbell Prosser who last week made on their behalf an appeal for clemency.

Addressing the men this morning the Chief Justice said: "You have all pleaded guilty to being in possession of these arms and ammunition on the motorship 'Malaya.' The ship had been alongside the wharf here for some three days and was to sail on the morning that the arms were discovered. There is no evidence to show that you intended to land them here or that you had taken them on board in Hongkong. I am prepared to accept your counsel's statement that you brought the arms from Europe and I think it is most probable that you would have disposed of them as best you could. I cannot overlook the fact that you were between you possessed of 12 revolvers and a considerable amount of ammunition in this port. It is, however, the ship's first trip here and I understand that with one exception—that is you, Holte—you have not been in Hongkong before and may not have known of the drastic law now prevailing against the possession of arms here. At the same time I cannot doubt that as part of the crew of a ship you must have known that the possession of these arms was entirely illegal. Under all the circumstances I sentence you and every one of you to 12 months' imprisonment with hard labour, to run from the date of commitment by the Magistrate—that is, December 4 last."

IN BRIEF.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CABLES.

Sir Percy Scott has recovered.

The Zanibar natives were impressed with the Empire cruise fleet.

The Chinese Commercial Mission have been sight seeing in Sheffield.

There have been wild currency movements on the London exchange market.

Zaghlul rejoices at the "splendid victory of patriotic Egyptians" in the record voting in Egypt.

The Australian Federal Ministry has entertained the Vice-Admiral and Officers of the visiting Japanese Squadron.

The Association of British Chambers of Commerce have expressed "grave concern" in regard to any delay in the ratification of the economic and financial arrangements made at the Imperial conference.

The General Council of the Trades Union Congress has considered the railway trouble and has adjourned pending further developments. It has decided to appoint an Emergency Committee if necessary.

According to wireless messages, the Mexican revolutionaries claim to have blockaded Tampico, and state their "Navy" is outside prohibiting all entry in and departure from the port, while military forces are threatening an early attack on the land side.

GENERAL.

Mexico, O.—Plans for honouring the late President Harding with a memorial which it is estimated will cost not less than \$1,000,000 were revealed by Brig.-Gen. Charles E. Sawyer, in an address here.

Tokyo.—The reconstruction board has reduced the Government estimates for rehabilitation to 6,700,000,000 yen (\$3,350,000,000). This means the postponement of the Tokyo-Yokohama Canal and the Tokyo harbour works.

Mexico City.—The Department of the Interior has issued a statement formally denying rumours that President Obregon intended to resign. Enrique Colunga, the secretary said the President considered that his resignation at this time would be unpatriotic.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from MONDAY, 21st January to SATURDAY, 2nd February 1934, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG FO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1934.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE SHIPS' NAMES.

I CHOW HONG WAH of the Canton Navigation Co., Ltd. hereby give notice that in consequence of change of ownership.

I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the ships "Wei Shun" and "Ming Shun" of Shanghai Official number of gross tonnage about 1650 tons; register tonnage about 950 tons, heretofore owned by San Peh Co. of Shanghai, for the permission to change their names to Charles Hardouin and Paul Beau respectively and to have them registered in the new names at the Port of Hongkong as owned by the Canton Navigation Co., Ltd.

Any objections to the proposed change of names must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

THE CANTON NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

For CHOW HONG WAH,
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Hongkong, January 14, 1934.

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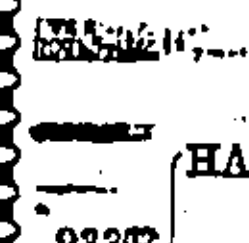
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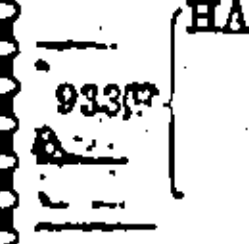
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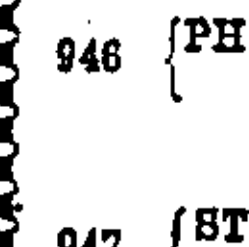
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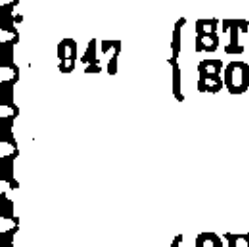
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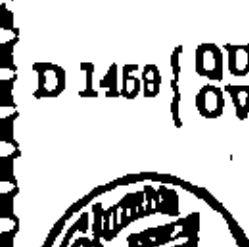
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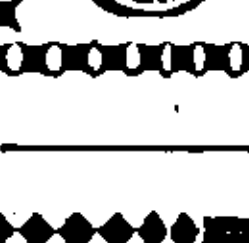
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A DOG'S LIFE.

EVERY DOG HAS HIS DAY IN KOWLOON.

[BY JOHN SINCLAIR.]

The Old Lady assured me yesterday that she had no objection to my bringing dogs into the house. I puzzled over her plural for a minute until she added casually, "Oh! it will be all right Mr. Sinclair. I have two poodles and the lady in the next room has four." Unwarily I quivered. I must have fallen in with a menagerie, not a boarding house.

I soon became aware of the "poodles." Dirty little dogs I call them. Mercifully, they are kept out of the dining room and I am able to attack my Beef of Old England without one of these appalling canines looking up at me with a kind of martyr's stare, a sort of don't-be-greedy-old-man glare. For I am soon touched. I would sooner give my whole plate of corned beef and pickles to the apparently half-starved creature than have it watch my every mouthful, watch the rise and fall of the fork and then register disappointed disappointment as the crumbs fall on my lap.

All the tribe of six are very friendly with me—too friendly at times, I am afraid. It must be my kind face, though a sarcastic American young lady in Peking once told me that it was gruesome enough to frighten off the cat. This lung-dog, drawn out expression, I think, is the work of years. I have the married-man look they tell me, not that I have any particular worries. It is because people misunderstand me. Appearances are always deceiving.

"George Robey" is the king of the canines at my abode. The only reason he is called George Robey, the Lady Next Door tells me, is that every time he opens his mouth he wags his ears. "George Robey" would be flattered no doubt to hear of this. The other "pels" are nameless and modestly boast no pedigree. Yet, nameless, nor connected in lineal descent to no blue-blooded race of canines, they all can eat and there is no discrimination. They don't turn up their wet noses unless they get down to a square meal of Pratt's dog biscuits.

Some good ladies. I know are fondly particular about bringing dogs into their "residences" in Shanghai. I know one gentleman who quarrelled with her star dog—a regular payer and reliable chap who had been with her for ten years—just because he developed a mad passion for a dog in his declining years. And her words were true. "My pels" and "my floers" were often mentioned. The only concession she would allow her paying guest was that, "Well, if you have set your mind on bringing the creature here, you will have to keep it in the cage." This morning later, the dog died of gas poisoning and the lady left. The Old Lady snuck to the principal's attention of a dog and a steady income with more than a medium of profit.

In Kowloon, they show an amazing tolerance of dogs in the house. Usually they believe in the woman's saying, "there is, safety in numbers." Dogs seem to have the run of the place. Even in the streets, I have seen them snarl in the face of their master or in Hongkong.

"WHITE WINGS."

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

Yesterday the third ladies' yacht championship races were sailed in a fresh easterly breeze. The course covered seventeen miles, the marks were all taken on the port side being Yacht Club, Channel Rocks, Cust Rock, Club line and Channel Rocks with the finish at the Club line (East to West). Detailed results are as follows:—

Yacht.	Finishing Time	Corrected Time	Position	Points to date
Sealark	4.12.31	4.9.22	1	44
Belinda	4.16.00	4.9.45	2	47
Adanac	4.13.6	4.9.57	3	43
Gladys	4.13.47	4.10.38	4	45
Daphne	4.12.57	same	5	43
Bonjour	4.16.21	4.13.12	6	38
Joan	4.17.40	4.13.55	7	35
Ursula	4.18.24	4.14.29	8	27
Pierrette	4.16.58	4.15.43	9	39
Halcyon	4.15.46	same	10	24
Spray	4.20.26	4.17.17	11	43
Allisa	4.17.36	same	12	30
Bonito	4.19.4	same	13	20

CRUISER RACE.
Cancelled on Saturday, because none of the entries finished within the time limit, the cruisers held their race on Sunday when they went over a course of nineteen miles by way of Discovery Bay, Chung Hue, North fairway bay and Datum Rock. Results were:—
ENGLISH RIGGED.

Yacht.	Time.	Position.	Points to date.
La Cigale	2.55.25	same	1
Amara	3.15.5	3.11.55	2
Alleen	3.54.10	3.16.10	3
Irene	3.53.50	3.22.10	4
Norseman	4.11.00	3.33.00	5
U and I	4.00.45	3.48.5	6
Feathers	4.23.00	3.51.20	7

CHINESE RIGGED.
Noble 4.25.40 4.22.30 1 24
Layde Jean, 12 points did not finish.

THIS WEEK-END.

An interesting programme of racing is being arranged for Saturday and Sunday when all classes of yachts in the R.H.K.Y.C. will compete. Starting early on Saturday, the boats will rendezvous at Junk Bay for the night and participate in further racing on Sunday. Small boat-owners should communicate with Mr. H. S. Rouse (sailing secretary) to arrange sleeping accommodation, as this is limited.

misses. I saw one yesterday wandering about on the ferry boat, land at Hongkong, then small and on the next boat to Kowloon. Evidently, he was so used to travelling across the ferry that when he missed his owner, he decided to look for him on both sides. As far as I know, he may be travelling yet.

Yes, a dog's life in Kowloon is not exactly a dog's life. Admitted to ferries, boarding houses, picture theatres and the like without kick or rebuff, they must be exceedingly happy in this island home. None of them seem to be lost; they all look well fed and if every dog has his day, he must be having it now in the face of their master or in Hongkong.

BUDDING ACTORS.

PROMISING TALENT AT SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

Tiny tots from not more than two and a half feet in height to well grown school girls did their best to provide an entertainment at the Theatre Royal last evening for the benefit of the Victoria Diocesan Association. They did it well and the unstinted applause which they received from a big audience was fully merited and reflected much credit on the teachers and officials in charge.

The Hon. Sir Claud Severn explained the object of the entertainment. He said that two years ago the Victoria Diocesan Association promised to try to raise \$2,000 per annum for two years towards the building of the Church of England in Nanning. For the second year about \$1,500 was still needed and a suggestion was made that the schools be asked to give an entertainment. He hoped that the proceeds would reach the desired sum and wished the organisers every success. Some of the children to be presented, Sir Claud continued, had never before appeared in public and were nervous of giving items, but he was sure the audience would enjoy the performances and the result of their efforts.

On a well selected programme, contributions were given by students of the Diocesan Boys' and Girls' Schools, St. Paul's Boys' and Girls' College, St. Stephen's Boys' and Girls' College and the Victoria Home and Orphanage.

Every item was presented with-out hitch, the pianists controlling the songs and dances and showing a creditable discretion in the dispensation of their pieces. One particular amusing number was an action song given by 40 children from St. Paul's Girls' College. It was here that probably we saw the youngest of the budding performers. There was no hesitation in their recitation of the words and action. Every word (in English) was distinct, but though the pianist strove hard to restore the children to the proper tune, they went on, gradually going down the scale and changing the key until they all finished in a deep contralto. Their effort created roars of laughter and there was an enthusiastic demand for an encore. The children had proved star artists on their first appearance.

Older girls from St. Paul's College also acquitted themselves with honour in a pretty gavotte. The Diocesan Girls' School gave a minuet, two country dances, songs and an action song "A Japanese Umbrella" which were charmingly rendered, especially, the last mentioned number. Peter Pau of the Diocesan Boys' School mystified the audience with clever conjuring tricks and also emulated the world famous Houdini. St. Paul's College jazz band filled in the interludes with the latest dance songs. A witty Chinese play "A Midnight Surprise" though a trifle long, brought applause for the St. Stephen's College. Wax works by St. Stephen's girls was another creditable item.

Physical drill and gymnastics by the Diocesan Boys' School were a feature of the evening and quite a fitting climax to an all round good programme. Precision and discipline marked the exhibition and they showed that the physical welfare of the school boys was quite as important an item as the mental education. The boys obviously, had been well trained and their efforts were an eloquent testimonial to the instruction of Staff Sgt. Hunt and the enterprise of their Principal. This exhibition should certainly not have been left until the last.

The success of the affair was deserved and it is hoped that the sum desired was gained.

The sub-committee in charge of the arrangements consisted of the Rev. W. T. Featherstone and Mr. T. S. W. Chan (the Diocesan Boys' School), Miss K. Woo (St. Paul's Girls' College) and Mr. Owen Hughes, Jr.

In addition to the sub-committee the representatives of the various schools who arranged items were:—Miss Hazelard (St. Stephen's Girls' College), Mr. T. J. Price (St. Stephen's College), Miss Walters (Diocesan Girls' School), the Rev. A. D. Stewart (St. Paul's College), Miss Hollis (the Victoria Home and Orphanage) and Staff Sergeant Hunt (the Diocesan Boys' School).

INTERPORT FOOTBALL.

The following players will represent Hongkong versus the Army on the Hongkong Football Ground to-morrow, at 4.30 p.m. sharp:—Messrs. Wavish, Wynne, Bishop, McKelvie, Stewart (Capt.), Lellicott, Charlesworth, Eaton, Johnson, Nash and Begg.

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A PEKING DIARY.

TRAMWAY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

January 1.
There has been great opposition, ever since the very first suggestion of a Tramway was made known. The first objections were made by the Riksha Coolies' Guild, on the grounds that thousands would be thrown out of employment; next came an outcry from the residents, and as far back as July last the following letter was published in a local newspaper:—

The attempt on the part of the tramway Company to remove or mutilate the P'loons (memorial arches) of this City is one that should be fought tooth and nail by every lover of the artistic and beautiful, resident, in the Capital. Other tramway Companies in other cities have adapted their systems to the monuments of the cities they worked in and why Peking Tramway system should desire better treatment than is usual in other places is not apparent.

Peking has as its attraction to the numerous tourists who visit it and who are a not inconsiderable source of income to its residents, few more beautiful or attractive monuments, its P'loons and if the Municipality cannot themselves on their own authority prevent the Tramway Company spoiling the beauties of the City it might be possible to take such action as might strengthen their hands. To have tramways at all in the historic city is bad enough but to have one that has so little regard for the beauty of the City as, to suggest the spoiling of ancient monuments to suit its track, is a calamity that merits the strongest measures being taken. Tramways in Asia are hideous enough of themselves without seeking to destroy beautiful things and it is sincerely hoped that Peking's Municipality will see that the tramways make themselves suit Peking rather than Peking suit the tramways.

It is rumored the objection to the tramway on the part of the richia coolies, was the outcome of the feud between the Tramway Company, and the Peking General Chamber of Commerce. Some prominent members of the latter considered they had a right to a certain number of free shares in the company. Moreover they objected to the personnel of the board of directors, and as a result, bitterly opposed the advent, and in addition stated that richia coolies would be deprived of their livelihood, also that the roads in Peking were too narrow for tramway lines.

To smooth over the question of richia coolies and unemployment it was suggested that the Peking Tramway Company should erect two industrial plants in the capital, which would give work to the richia pullers thrown out through the advent of the cars. Now the Chinese Chamber of Commerce have sent out over 500 messages to jinrichia hong in the capital instructing them not to apply for jinrichia licences, which are all due for renewal to-day. This order if effective, will effect some 40,000 jinrichias and nearly 80,000 jinrichia pullers. The amount of the tax is 30 cents per jinrichia per month, amounting to \$12,000. The Chamber of Commerce intends to defy the police to enforce collection. This unusual type of passive resistance, amounts almost to a boycott of the line.

January 2.
The Boy (Manchu) Emperor a few days ago missed two diamond rings which were valued at some \$12,000. Several of the servants thought to be involved in the theft were whipped, but the rings have not yet been found.

A report is going round to the effect that the Acting Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps (The Dutch Minister, Mr. Oudendijk) intends to go to Holland and his trip through Russia cannot be accomplished, as the Soviet Mission has refused to grant the Minister a transit "Vis" in view of the absence of diplomatic relations between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Holland.

January 3.
Official reports state that the Manchou Emperor has instructed Prince Tsai Yun and Tsai Fu to present New Year greetings to the President.

There was lots of fun and revelry at the two Hotels and the Club on New Year's Eve. When the Club party broke up somewhere about 3 o'clock in the morning, many of the merry makers went on to the Hotels. The Club Ball-room was a wonderful sight, when the time came to sing the New Year. More than 100 guests in most brilliant gaily linked hands and joined in Auld Lang Syne. Supper followed, and then they voted for the best ladies' and gentlemen's costume. The prizes were presented by Lady Macleay to Mrs. E. P. Reading and Mr. D. J. Mackenzie. Mrs. E. P. Reading who wore a Mediaeval English costume, received a large and handsome bag of perfume, and Mr. Mackenzie dressed as a Highlander of the Clan Paulet, a

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual ordinary general meeting of the Cymdeithas, Dewi Sant, Hongkong (St. David's Society) was held in the Supreme Court at 5.10 p.m. yesterday, presided over by the President Sir Wm. Rees Davies and was fairly well attended. The Committee's report on the working of the Society and the statement of accounts were read and adopted. This report covered the period from the first meeting held in Mr. J. Owen Hughes' office in June, 1922.

The following officers were elected to take office for ensuing year (from 20th March, 1924, on expiry of the terms of the present office holders).
President: J. Owen Hughes, Esq.
Vice-President: D. J. Lewis, Esq.
Hon. Secretary: D. M. Richards, Esq., Kowloon British School.
Hon. Treasurer: F. P. Williams, Esq., (Insurance Dept.), Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Committee: Mrs. Wynne Jones, Major Mince Jones, Dr. Leslie Thomas, Messrs. Campbell Frosser, H. Owen Hughes and D. Davies. It was decided to celebrate St. David's Day (1.3.24) by holding a dinner, particulars of which will be announced later.

IBANEZ.

The most spectacular figure on the "Fracconia" seems to have been Senor Ibanez, the Spanish novelist who is remembered principally by his "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" whereas his other novels transcend that in every respect. The Senor seems to have been an illusive bird, but a China Mail reader was on the Macao boat on Saturday on which Ibanez was also a passenger. He was introduced to the author and had a limited conversation with him due to neither knowing Esperanto. Our correspondent describes him as an unmistakably intelligent looking man of sturdy and massive build, with black curly hair, keen piercing eyes, sharp beaky nose and a very ruddy olive tint complexion portraying a distinct characteristic of a native of Spain. It is well we are not all famous, otherwise our commentaries would be hard put to it to describe some of our characters. Senor Ibanez was entertained in Macao by His Excellency the Governor, toured the place, and returned to Hongkong on the "Patria." This will probably mean that Hongkong and Macao will figure in Ibanez's attempt at a "best-seller." We shall see.

January 4.
The American Marine Jazz Band provided music for dancing. The following were the most striking costumes.—Mrs. Nazer in a Poudre dress, Mrs. Croome as an Egyptian dancer, Mrs. Frapp, as Dick Whittington, Miss Coltrane, in a victorian dress, Mrs. Nixon as a Folly, Mrs. Ruxton in a Turkish costume, Mrs. Williams as Death, Lady Bredon in Emerald, and Mrs. FitzHugh as a Black Folly.
Mr. Page came as a K.C.B., Mr. Coome as Beau Brummel, Mr. Lamb as a Zebra, Mr. Mills as a Korean, Capt. Min as An Executioner, and Mr. Clark as a Dutch man.

News has reached here that the well known Chartered accountants Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, of London, Hongkong, Shanghai, and Singapore are opening a branch in Tientsin, and Mr. W. E. Atwell, C.A., is to be in charge as local partner. Their office will be at 128, Victoria Road.

A NIGHT WITH THE LANGS.

Entertainment of a very attractive nature is to be held at the Peking Pavilion on Wednesday, January 16 (evening) and 17th (Matinee). The performances will be under the patronage of H.B.M. Minister, and are being arranged by locals interested in amateur dramatic enterprises for the purpose of raising funds to assist in the Peking re-establishment of the British Soldiers Club. The entertainment is to be almost entirely of a Military character, and the full band of the regiment is coming from Tientsin for the occasion, which will include the magnificent set of silver drums which are part of the regiment's War Memorials.

January 5.
Report of another theft from the Imperial House in the Forbidden City, is going round Peking, and this time the Manchou (Boy) Emperor, was robbed by a Foreign Musician. The Musician who is an instructor to the Emperor, was seen by one of the servants, putting two Golden Buddhas in his pocket. The matter was reported to the Guards, who searched him as he was about to leave the Palace. The Buddhas were discovered in his pocket but the Imperial Guards did not detain him. At the request of the Steward of the Imperial House the Buddhas were afterwards returned to their owner. Further details are lacking.

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John D. Prince, of Los Angeles, has shown that he can kill frogs and then restore them to life with a chemical preparation. The experiments are being continued and are arousing great interest among physicians, who believe Prince may possibly work out a drug that is better than adrenalin in defying death.



The City of the Sacred Codfish faces an invasion by the hooded members of the Ku Klux Klan. F. Eugene Farnsworth, King Kleagle of the Maine Klan, and nine of his hooded klanmen are shown here. They declare they are going to Boston thus garbed to beard Mayor Curley in his den at the City Hall. This photograph was taken at Rochester, New Hampshire, where the "invasion" of Boston was planned.



The above picture shows the wedding of Princess Maud, daughter of the Princess Royal and the late Duke of Fife, to Lord Carnegie, in the Guards' Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London. The bride is a cousin of King George of England, who gave her away and who may be seen standing at the right of the bridal couple.



The above is an exclusive photograph of Captain G. A. Ingram, an Englishman, who married Mrs. Dorothy Park Caruso, widow of the tenor, Enrico Caruso. Their romance began at an English watering place, where Captain Ingram taught Mrs. Caruso to swim.



Lynch Davidson, of Houston, former Lieutenant-Governor of Texas, has thrown his hat into the ring for the nomination for Governor at the coming primaries and has issued a deft to the Ku Klux Klan, which is particularly strong in Texas, at the same time.



Held in jail in Cleveland, O., to await the outcome of the wounds he inflicted on Policeman Harry Dudley while resisting arrest, John Levanovich, only 17 years old, confessed he had held up fourteen men at different times, inspired by the reading of dime novels. The patrolman is expected to die, but the youth laughs at the visions of the death chair, as he proudly writes the names of his victims on the wall of his cell.



Mrs. S. E. J. Cox and Dr. F. A. Cook.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the Brooklyn (N. Y.) doctor, whose claim that he discovered the North Pole was so thoroughly disproved by Admiral Peary, the real discoverer, has been sentenced to serve 14 years in a federal prison and to pay a fine of \$12,000 for fraudulent dealings in oil stock in Fort Worth, Texas. The trial judge flayed him in delivering the sentence. S. E. J. Cox, another promoter, whose hobby was aeroplane flying and who built a machine to compete in the James Gordon Bennett Cup races in France a few years ago, was sentenced to 8 years and to pay a fine of \$8,000. Cox's wife started the country a few years ago by calling an "aeroplane taxi" in Texas to take her to New York on a shopping tour.



Zev, Harry F. Sinclair's wonderful three-year-old, who met My Own, Admiral Cary Grayson's sterling colt, in a match race at the Bowie Track, near Baltimore on November 28. The race was a mile and a quarter, for a stake of \$30,000, of which the track posts \$10,000 and each of the owners an additional \$10,000. Carl Wiedemann, owner of In Memoriam, had been invited to enter his horse.



Prince Felix Youssouppoff and wife.

Prince Felix Youssouppoff and his wife, of the Russian nobility, are soon to arrive in New York as the guests of Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Sr. His wife was Princess Irene, daughter of Grand Duke Alexander, cousin of the late Czar Nicholas. Prince Felix was the leader of the band of young nobles who decided to do away with the treacherous monk, Rasputin, who held the Czar and the Czarina under his mystic spell. The monk was invited to the Youssouppoff Palace, in Petrograd, where poison was mixed with his wine. The poison failed to work, and Prince Felix fired six bullets into his body, which was then thrown through a hole in the ice on the River Neva. For his share in the killing the Prince was banished from court and interned in his country estate until the overthrow of the Czar.



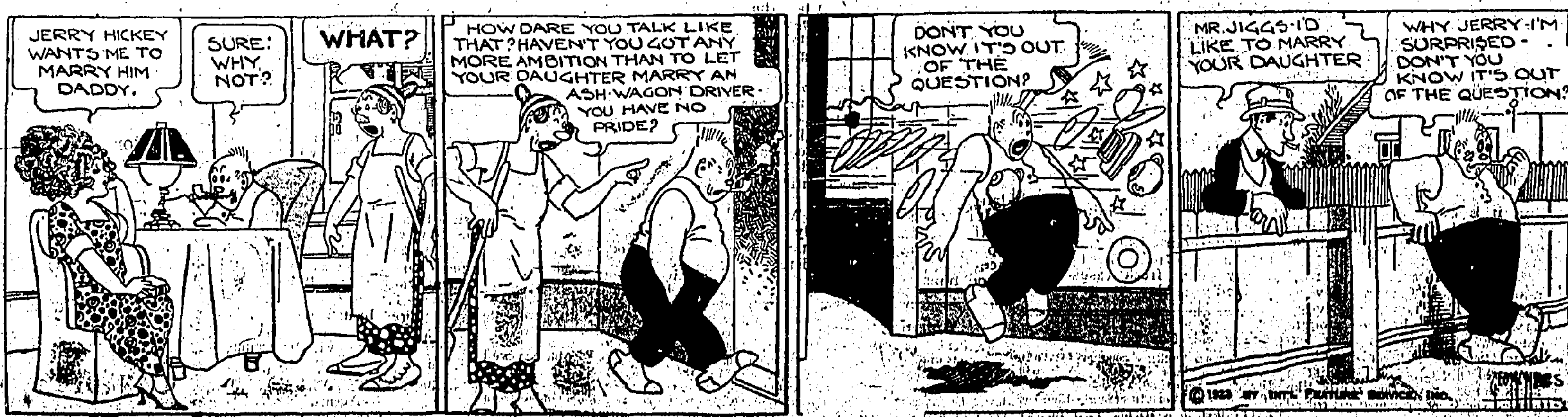
Dora Biondini and Leon Ardin.

Dora Biondini is a slender, nervous woman of 27, an earthquake shocked survivor of the disaster at Messina in 1908. But under the hypnotic spell cast upon her by her musical instructor, Leon Ardin she sings the most difficult opera rôles with the voice and method of a great artist. When out of the spell her voice is hopelessly flat. Ardin had been her instructor for years, but she could not keep an accurate intonation. It was only by chance he discovered the effect of hypnosis. She remains under the spell for about an hour, during which she surpasses Du Maurier's Trilby, listeners report.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
BRITISH TAXPAYER'S BURDEN.

London, January 13.
The association of the British Chambers of Commerce have forwarded a letter to Mr. Baldwin, Lord Curzon and Mr. Neville Chamberlain drawing attention to the fact that France and Italy at present owe £1,130,000,000 to Great Britain; the interest on which, at five per cent., is equal to over a shilling in the pound of Income Tax at present paid in Great Britain. The repayment of the American loan to Great Britain, £350,000,000, cost £35,000,000 a year, equal to 8d. in the pound Income Tax.

The Council of the Association are of the opinion that in view of the adverse effect of high taxation on the trade of the country, the Government should consider whether steps should not be taken to approach the French and Italian Governments with a view to securing payment on account, pending a settlement of debts on a fair basis, with the object of relieving the British taxpayer.

MURDERED SEPARATIST.

Paris, January 13.
Advices from Speyer state that the Bishop of Speyer refused to allow a priest to officiate at the funeral of Hein.

Berlin, January 13.
A message from Speyer says that the funeral of Hein was attended by three hundred persons, including Separatist troops.

The service was opened by a French general, who paid tribute to Hein as a friend of France, placing a wreath on the coffin.

The French Occupation Authorities have forbidden the Palatine Clergy to read an anti-Separatist protest from their pulpits.

OBITUARY.

SIR RICHARD MUIR.

London, January 13.
The death is announced of Sir Richard David Muir, Kt.
[Sir Richard David Muir has been a member of the Middle Bar since 1899 and Recorder of Colchester since 1911. He was at one time on the Times staff, Press Gallery, House of Commons, and was in his 66th year at the time of his death.]

DARING UNDERTAKING.

Paris, January 13.
It is stated that Lieut. Gerbault, who was awarded the ten thousand francs prize of the Académie des Sports for crossing the Atlantic in a ten-ton cutter, intends to devote the money to refitting his boat preparatory to a long cruise through the Pacific Islands. He hopes to leave France in April.

COMMUNIST RIOT.

Hamburg, January 13.
A Communist leader named Urbahn was arrested at a meeting organised by Communists in commemoration of Liebknecht.

The crowd threatened the police, who used their firearms, with the result that one person was killed and two injured.

INDIAN BUDGET.

Delhi, January 13.
It is understood that the forthcoming Indian budget for the current year will probably show a balance.

This is important in view of the trouble over the last budget deficit necessitating the Viceroy's certification of the Salt Tax.

FRONTIER MURDER GANG.

Peshawar, January 13.
News has been received that the frontier murder gang has surrendered to the Afghan Government.

PRINCE OF WALES.

London, January 13.
H.R.H. The Prince of Wales returned to London from France yesterday evening.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:

Island.	Feet.
Signal Station	1774
St. Paul's	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
St. David's	1725
Peak Hotel	1503
Tai Koo Sanatorium	1000
St. David's	877
Bowen Rd. (Glenelg)	828
Mainland.	
Tai Koo Shan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1973
Yan Tsai	1963
Yan Tsai	1940
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
DEATH OF MRS. HOFF.

Hankow, January 13.
Mrs. Hoff died yesterday.
[A Reuter's cable message, dated Hankow, December 30, said that the Central China Post had received advice from Siangyang that bandits captured the Tsoyung and Hupai American Lutheran Brethren missionaries. Mrs. Hoff was wounded and Mrs. Kien taken prisoner. The bandits were proceeding to Tungpeh. A further telegram from Siangyang stated that three missionaries have been killed at Tsoyung by the notorious Bandit Chief Lao Yang Ren.]

BANDIT CHIEF MURDERED.

Hankow, January 14.
A telegram from Hanchow states that the notorious bandit chief Lao Yang Ren has been murdered by his own men. The bandits are fleeing but there is no word of their captives.

SUN PAO-CHI.

Peking, January 14.
Sun Pao-chi, who has returned to Peking from the hills, has announced that he assumes office the morning.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in reservoirs on the 1st January 1924.	1923.	1924.
Upper Reservoir	100,000	100,000
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